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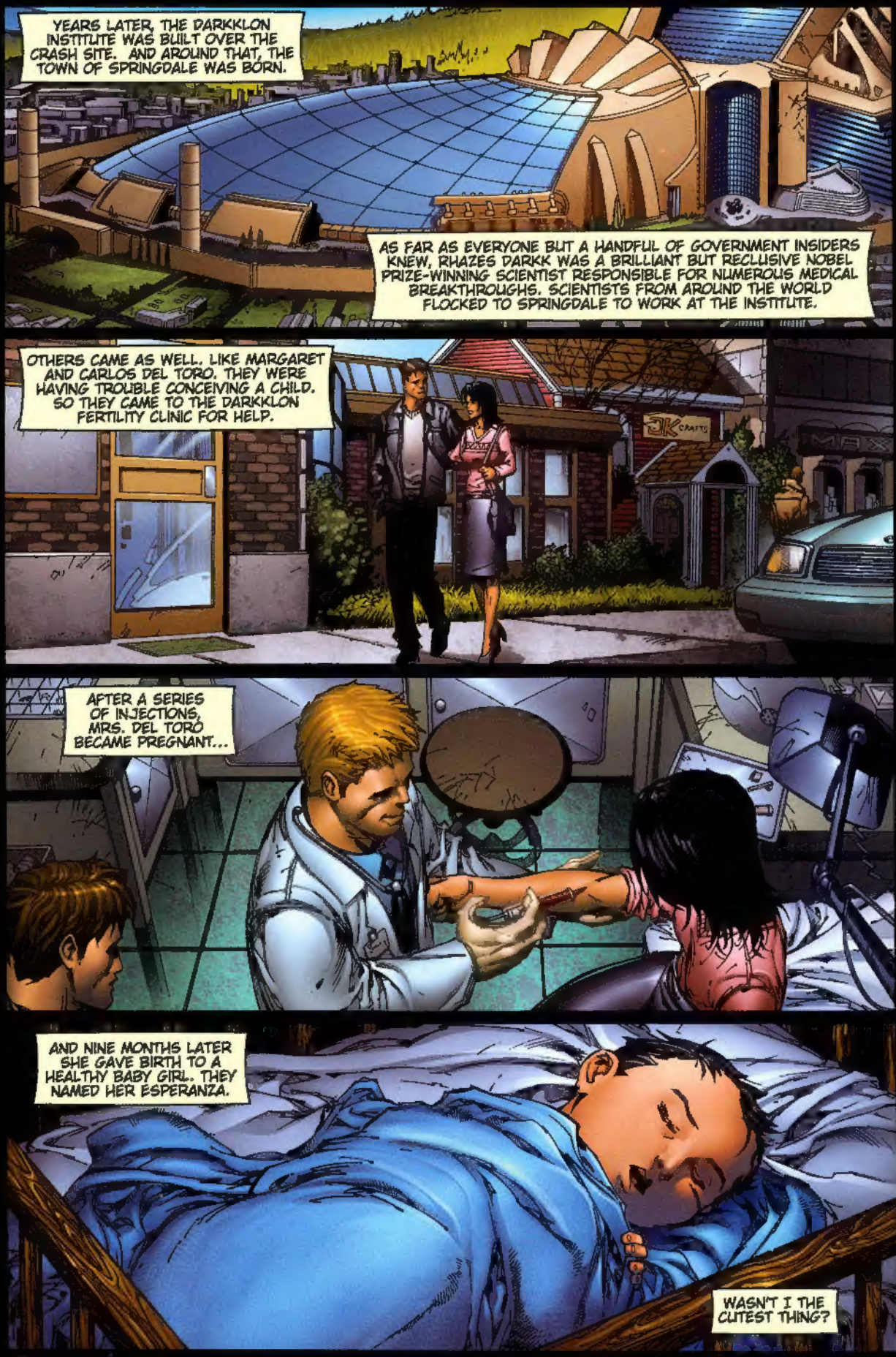
I HATE HISTORY. IT'S FULL OF BORING STUFF. HALF-TRUTHS. AND DEAD PEOPLE.
WORLD HISTORY
LIKE WHAT HAPPENED WAY BACK IN OCTOBER 1962, WITH THAT WHOLE CUBAN MISSILE THING. THE WORLD WAS TEETERING ON THE BRINK OF NUCLEAR WAR. MAJOR DRAMA.
BUT THAT WAS ONLY HALF THE STORY.
SON OF A BITCH! WE'VE GOT AN INCOMING!
A SINGLE MISSILE MAKES NO SENSE, GENERAL.
MISTER PRESIDENT, IT'S HEADED TOWARD COLORADO. THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE TRYING TO HIT OUR ROCKY MOUNTAIN I.C.B.M. SILOS IN ADVANCE OF AN ALL-OUT ATTACK.
BUT THE TRAJECTORY IS WRONG. THIS OBJECT SEEMS TO HAVE ORIGINATED FROM DEEP SPACE.
MISTER PRESIDENT, WE'VE GOT TO LAUNCH OUR BIRDS NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
IT ALL COULD HAVE ENDED THERE. INSTEAD... THAT'S WHEN IT ALL BEGAN.

TURNS OUT IT WASN'T A MISSILE AFTER ALL... BUT A SPACESHIP FROM A DYING WORLD.
THERE WEREN'T ANY SUPERHEROES IN TIGHTS ON BOARD, BUT THERE WERE TWO SURVIVORS.
AN ADULT AND A SMALL CHILD. THE ADULT'S NAME WAS RHAZES DARKK. HE SAID HE CAME HERE TO HELP HUMANITY.
BUT THAT WAS A LIE.
DARKK QUICKLY ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND NON-INTERFERENCE, THEY WERE GIVEN THE CHILD TO "STUDY," AND DARKK WOULD SUPPLY THEM WITH ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES. NOT THE WHOLE ENCHILADA, MIND YOU...
BUT JUST ENOUGH TO KEEP THEM HAPPY.


YEARS LATER, THE DARKKLON INSTITUTE WAS BUILT OVER THE CRASH SITE. AND AROUND THAT, THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE WAS BORN.
AS FAR AS EVERYONE BUT A HANDFUL OF GOVERNMENT INSIDERS KNEW, RHAZES DARKK WAS A BRILLIANT BUT RECLUSIVE NOBEL PRIZE-WINNING SCIENTIST RESPONSIBLE FOR NUMEROUS MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS. SCIENTISTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD FLOCKED TO SPRINGDALE TO WORK AT THE INSTITUTE.
OTHERS CAME AS WELL. LIKE MARGARET AND CARLOS DEL TORO. THEY WERE HAVING TROUBLE CONCEIVING A CHILD. SO THEY CAME TO THE DARKKLON FERTILITY CLINIC FOR HELP.
AFTER A SERIES OF INJECTIONS, MRS. DEL TORO BECAME PREGNANT...
AND NINE MONTHS LATER SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A HEALTHY BABY GIRL. THEY NAMED HER ESPERANZA.
WASN'T I THE CUTEST THING?

GROWING UP, I ALWAYS KNEW I WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER KIDS.
NONE OF THEM SEEMED TO BE ABLE TO MOVE THINGS JUST BY THINKING ABOUT IT. BUT I COULD.
YOU'D THINK SOMETHING LIKE THAT MIGHT MAKE YOU POPULAR. BUT YOU'D BE DEAD WRONG.
I TRIED MY BEST TO FIT IN. BUT I WAS ALWAYS A TARGET.
KIDS CAN BE SO CRUEL.
AND PAYBACK'S A BITCH.
IT WAS TOUGH ON MY PARENTS. THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO COPE ANY MORE THAN I DID.
AND ONE DAY WHEN THEY WERE LASHING OUT... SOMETHING INSIDE ME... SNAPPED.
AND I SUDDENLY FOUND MYSELF ALONE IN THE WORLD.

TIME ITSELF SEEMED TO STOP. AND THEN, SLOWLY, THE WORLD CAME BACK INTO FOCUS.
JAENA FINE BECAME MY LEGAL GUARDIAN. SHE WAS A FRIEND OF MY PARENTS--A GENETIC SCIENTIST, WHO WORKED AT THE DARKKLON INSTITUTE, AND HAD A DAUGHTER MY AGE NAMED ZORINA.
ZORINA WAS EVERYTHING I WASN'T. FUN, OUTGOING, COMFORTABLE IN HER OWN SKIN. SHE WAS THE FIRST REAL FRIEND I EVER HAD.
FREAK!
ALSO, ZORINA HAD MORE SUBTLE WAYS OF RESOLVING CONFLICTS.
DORK!
FINALLY I HAD SOMEONE WATCHING MY BACK. ZORINA BECAME THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN MY LIFE.
UNTIL VICTOR CAME ALONG. BUT THAT, AS THEY SAY, IS A WHOLE 'NUTHER STORY...

SO, VIC, WHAT'S THE DEAL? YOU GONNA FILL US IN OR WHAT?
THE AGENCY'S CONCERNED ABOUT RHAZES DARKK. THEY THINK HE MIGHT HAVE PULLED A "KURTZ." GONE OFF THE RESERVATION.
SO WE'RE GONNA "TERMINATE WITH EXTREME PREJUDICE?" HEH-HEH.
THEY JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT HE'S REALLY UP TO.
AND THEY WANT IT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH, RIGHT? SMASH AND GRAB?
IF THIS WERE A SMASH AND GRAB JOB, I SURE AS HELL WOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT YOU ALONG, KARL.
AW, VIC BABY, YOU AIN'T STILL SORE ABOUT TUCSON, ARE YA?
YEAH, TUCSON. NOT TOMBSTONE. YOU TURNED THE PLACE INTO THE O.K. CORRAL. NEARLY GOT US KILLED.
BITCH BITCH BITCH.
THIS JOB WE DO QUIETLY. WE GO IN, TAP THE COMPUTER CORE, WE LEAVE. NO MUSS, NO FUSS.
YOU MEAN NO GUNPLAY, NO FUN PLAY?
JUST KEEP IT IN YOUR PANTS, CARCONE.

THE DARKKLON INSTITUTE.
KKTCHTCHTCH
NO MUSS, NO FUSS.
OH, SO THIS IS WHY YOU WANTED ME ALONG.
NOBODY CAN BEAT YOU WHEN IT COMES TO HOT-WIRING, KARL.
ALL THOSE YEARS AS A TEENAGE CAR THIEF ARE FINALLY STARTIN' TO PAY OFF.
PHISSSSHH
VOILA!

HOW DO WE EVEN KNOW WHERE THE COMPUTER CORE IS?
THE AGENCY HAS A MOLE ON THE INSIDE.
THAT'S FUNNY. I'VE GOT A MOLE ON MY BACKSIDE. HEH-HEH.
WHAT THE...
...HELL IS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW. AND I DON'T CARE.
WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO SIGHTSEE. WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO.
OUR SPECIAL GUEST HAS ARRIVED. RIGHT ON TIME.
I ADMIRE PUNCTUALITY.
HE'S THE ONE, FATHER?
HE IS, INDEED. GENETICALLY PERFECT FOR OUR NEEDS. HE HAS QUITE A DESTINY IN STORE FOR HIM.
ARE YOUR SISTERS, EVE AND MYSTACINA, IN POSITION, BLACKSPELL?
THEY ARE, FATHER.
THEY WAIT...
THEY HUNGER.
THEN THEY SHALL BE REWARDED...

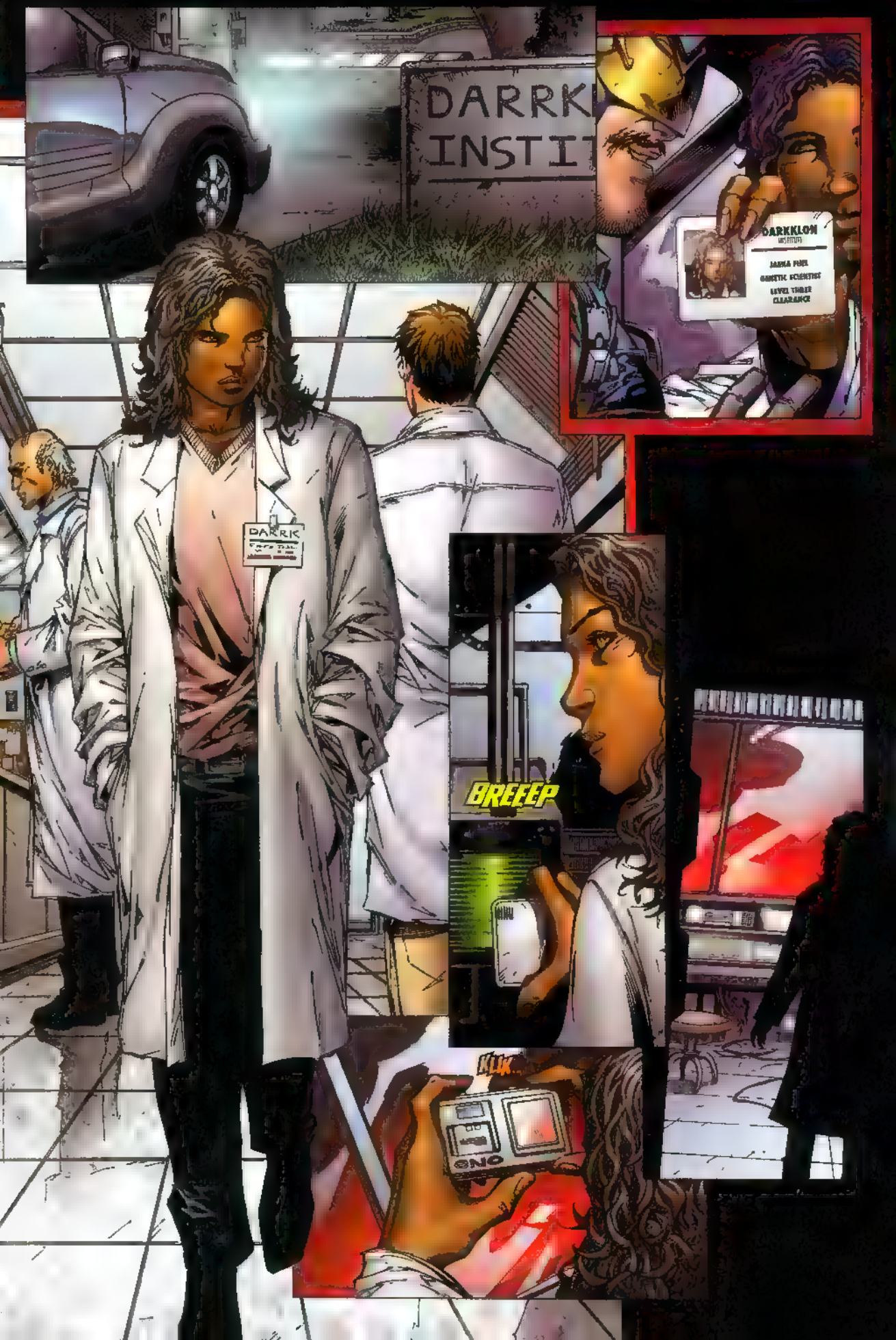
YOU EVER THINK WE'RE NOT LIVIN' UP TO OUR FULL POTENTIAL, VIC?
I MEAN, WE COULD DO A HELLUVA LOT BETTER THAN TAKIN' ORDERS AND CARRYIN' OUT ASSIGNMENTS FOR A BUNCH OF HARD-ONS IN UNIFORM.
WE OUGHTA STRIKE OUT ON OUR OWN AS FREE AGENTS. PARTNERS. WE COULD MAKE A KILLING.
AAHEEEEE!
NO MUSS, NO FUSS, VIC?
NOT FROM WHERE I'M STANDIN'.
SSSSSSSSS
BZZZZZ!

VICTOR DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD BEEN BETRAYED. HE BELIEVED THAT HE WAS A SOLDIER ON A MISSION..
KAWOOOM BOOAHHH
BUT HE WAS REALLY A SACRIFICIAL LAMB BEING HANDED OVER TO RHAZES DARKK.
EVERYONE ELSE IN VICTOR'S TEAM WAS EXPENDABLE
BLAM BLAM BLAM
THOSE WHO DIED QUICKLY WERE THE LUCKY ONES.
GET AWAY! GET AWAY!
GET AWAAAY!

KRRZZWZZWZZWZZ
KAUUUAAAH!
THUUDD
KROW... KILL... KROW...
MR. DE LEON, I'M RHAZES DARKK. WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME...
WELCOME TO YOUR NEW FAMILY.

VICTOR WASN'T THE FIRST HUMAN TO BE TRANSFORMED BY RHAZES DARKK..
HE WAS THE TENTH.

I THINK THIS IS IN ENGLISH, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD OF IT.
TELL ME ABOUT IT. LIKE WE'RE EVER GONNA NEED TO KNOW ANY OF THIS CRAP AFTER WE GRADUATE.
YOU MEAN IF YOU GRADUATE.
Biology
NOW I DON'T WANT YOU TWO STAYING UP WATCHING TV ALL NIGHT. AFTER YOUR HOMEWORK, LIGHTS OUT.
YES, MA'AM.
I THINK "CARRIE" IS ON.
I'LL GET THE POPCORN.
HEY, THAT REMINDS ME. THE SENIOR PROM'S COMING UP. YOU GOING?
HMM. I THINK I'LL PASS.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INSTI
DARKKLON
JAMIA PAUL
GENETIC SCIENTIST
LEVEL THREE
CLEARANCE
DARRK
BREEEP
KLIK
GNC

YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE. WHO ARE YOU?
YOU KNOW, I KNEW THIS WASN'T THE RIGHT LAB. I MUST'VE GOTTEN TURNED AROUND.
WHAT'S YOUR CLEARANCE?
MY CLEARANCE? LEVEL THREE.
LEVEL THREE? THIS IS A LEVEL TEN AREA. IT'S RESTRICTED.
OH MY... THEN I GUESS I SHOULD LEAVE RIGHT AWAY.
WAIT, I'LL HAVE TO REPORT THIS. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
DARKK
THIS IS ECKHARDT IN OBSERVATION..
THERE'S BEEN A SECURITY BREACH

I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK...
I'LL ALWAYS COME BACK TO YOU. YOU KNOW THAT.
I KNOW. BUT IT'S... STRANGE.
WHAT'S SO STRANGE ABOUT IT?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME.
SURE ABOUT THAT?
PRETTY SURE.
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MY NAME?
OF COURSE I DO.
OKAY. MY NAME IS...
SLEEPYHEAD. C'MON, ESPY, WE'RE GONNA BE LATE.
DREAMING ABOUT YOUR MYSTERY MAN AGAIN?

HE SEEMS SO REAL.
WHEN I TOUCHED HIS HAND, I TOUCHED HIS HAND. I FELT IT.
LUCKY. WISH I HAD SOME HUNKY HOTTIE CO-STARRING IN MY DREAMS. LAST NIGHT I DREAMT I WAS TAKING A BIOLOGY QUIZ IN MY UNDERWEAR..
WHILE I WAS EATING A CORN DOG.
WONDER WHAT FREUD WOULD SAY.
BUT I NEVER DREAMT ABOUT HIM UNTIL THREE WEEKS AGO. SINCE THEN, IT'S BEEN LIKE EVERY NIGHT. WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS, I?
PROBABLY MEANS YOU NEED TO FIND YOURSELF A BOYFRIEND, GIRLFRIEND.
TARGET SPOTTED.
SHE'S HEADED INTO THE SCHOOL BUILDING. PLEASE ADVISE.
WAIT UNTIL SCHOOL'S OUT, BOYS...
AND THEN OFFER THE CHILD SOME CANDY.

IS IT JUST ME OR DOES TIME SEEM TO SLOW DOWN INSIDE THAT PLACE?
AND ALL THIS TIME I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST ME.
SKREEECH
MISS DEL TORO, PLEASE COME WITH US.
WHO ARE YOU?
GOVERNMENT AGENTS, MA'AM.
JEEZ, I WAS JUST KIDDING AROUND BACK THERE.
WE SHOULD CHECK THE CLOCKS WHEN WE GET HOME. WE COULD BE THE UNWITTING GUINEA PIGS OF SOME SECRET GOVERNMENT EXPERIMENT.
MAYBE THEY'VE GOT SOME SORT OF TIME GIZMO BURIED BENEATH THE SCHOOL.
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN A LOT ACTUALLY.
I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE WITH YOU.
I'M AFRAID I MUST INSIST...
YEAH, BUZZ OFF. YOU'RE TAKING UP VALUABLE AFTER-SCHOOL TIME.

GET YOUR STINKING PAWS OFF HER...
YOU DAMN DIRTY APES!
BWOOPHPH!
LET...! ME...!
GO!
VOOOOSSH!
THUNK
WOW. I ALMOST FORGOT YOU COULD DO THAT.
YEAH. ME TOO.

GOVERNMENT AGENTS?!
THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID, BUT THEY DIDN'T SHOW US ANY BADGES OR ANYTHING, SO THEY COULD'VE BEEN LYING.
YOU THINK WE OUGHTA CALL THE COPS? OR MAYBE THE CIA?
NO, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT. RIGHT AFTER SHOPPING.
DR. FINE, YOU'RE SEVEN MINUTES LATE. THAT'S UNLIKE YOU. IS EVERYTHING...?
YOU SON-OF-A-BITCH!
BROOM

YOU HAD AGENTS TRY TO SNATCH MY GIRLS?!
CALM YOURSELF, DR. FINE. I DID NO SUCH THING.
THEY WERE PROBABLY SENT BY THE SHADOW GROUP-- THOSE SAME INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE AGENCY WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BETRAYAL OF MR. DE LEON AND HIS TEAM.
DIRECTOR JAFFE... I'M SO SORRY. I JUST ASSUMED...
IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT, DR. FINE. IF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM HAS TAUGHT US ANYTHING, IT'S THAT WHEN A LIONESS' CUBS ARE THREATENED, BLOOD IS INEVITABLY SHED.
THE STOLEN KEY-CARD WORKED, BUT THIS IS ALL I WAS ABLE TO COME AWAY WITH BECAUSE I WAS DETECTED.
BY SECURITY?
BY ONE OF DARKK'S LEVEL TEN SCIENTISTS.
THEN YOUR COVER COULD BE COMPROMISED. PERHAPS WE SHOULD BRING YOU IN.
NOT UNTIL THE AGENCY CAN MOUNT A RESCUE.
DR. FINE, BEING A SPY WITHIN THE DARKKLON FACILITY IS A DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT. MADE EVEN MORE SO BY THE EXISTENCE OF THE SHADOW GROUP.
FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR GIRLS, DO YOU STILL WISH TO CONTINUE?
I HAVE TO.
FOR HIS SAKE.

IT IS TRULY UNFORTUNATE THAT YOUR MEN FAILED THEIR MISSION, GENERAL GREER.
MAYBE IF YOU'D LET ME IN ON WHAT WE WERE REALLY DEALING WITH, MY MEN WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER PREPARED. I THOUGHT I WAS SENDING THEM TO ABDUCT A SCHOOLGIRL...NOT A MONSTER.
THE GIRL IS HARDLY A MONSTER. BUT SHE IS POWERFUL. AND HER POWER IS WHAT MAKES HER VALUABLE.
I WAS HOPING TO USE THE GIRL AS A BARGAINING CHIP.
WHAT THE HELL DO WE NEED WITH A BARGAINING CHIP? DARKK OWES US FOR PROVIDING HIM WITH VICTOR DE LEON. WHEN ARE WE GOING TO RECEIVE PAYMENT?
THE BARGAINING CHIP WAS MEANT FOR THE FUTURE. AS FOR THE PAYMENT...
YOU'LL HAVE IT SHORTLY.
SOMETIMES I WONDER WHOSE SIDE YOU'RE REALLY ON, BAHAREH.
KEEP WONDERING, GREER. KEEP WONDERING.

SO BEAUTIFUL. LIKE DIAMONDS FLOATING IN AN ABYSS.
I WONDER HOW MANY HAVE BURNT OUT AND DIED BEFORE THEIR LIGHT HAS REACHED THIS DISTANT WORLD...
I'M GUESSING PLENTY.
BAHAREH, WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE.
I DOUBT THAT. YOU'VE PUT ME IN A DIFFICULT POSITION, RHAZES. I CAN'T HOLD THEM OFF ANY LONGER.
COME FOR THE PAYMENT, HAVE YOU?
I HOPE IT'S READY.
OF COURSE. I ALWAYS FULFILL MY PROMISES. YOU KNOW THAT, CHILD.
YOU'VE BEEN LIVING AMONG THESE WORLDERS FOR SO LONG, YOU'VE BEGUN TO EXHIBIT THEIR BEHAVIOR. THEIR PETTINESS. THEIR SUSPICION.
WHOSE FAULT IS THAT?
HANDING YOU OVER TO THEM WAS NECESSARY. IT BRIDGED A WIDE GULF BETWEEN WORLDS. AND IT BOUGHT ME VALUABLE TIME.
YOU'VE ALSO PROVIDED A VALUABLE SERVICE IN YOUR DUAL ROLE AS GOVERNMENT LIAISON AND ADMINISTRATOR TO THE SPRINGDALE PROJECT.
GLAD I COULD BE OF SERVICE.
YOU SEE, THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. YOU'RE BEHAVING LIKE ONE OF THEM.
HANG ON TO YOUR PROUD HERITAGE, BAHAREH. YOU'LL NEED IT FOR THE FUTURE.
WHAT A MONSTROSITY.
THAT'S FAR TOO HARSH A JUDGEMENT. EVEN THOUGH THE CONCEPTION WAS ACCIDENTAL AND THE BIRTH WAS UNINTENDED...HE'S STILL FAMILY.

KILLKROW... HELP FATHER?
YES, KILLKROW, ONE DAY YOU WILL SERVE ME. PERHAPS SOON.
KILLKROW!
HERE IS THE PAYMENT, BAHAREH, AS PROMISED. GENETIC, DARKK TECH SAMPLES.
LET THE WORLDERS TOY WITH IT TO THEIR HEART'S CONTENT. LET THEM AMUSE THEMSELVES WHILE I PREPARE TO UNLEASH THE NEW GENESIS...
THE RECREATION OF OUR HOME WORLD. THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF DARKK EARTH!

VICTOR. I LIKE THAT NAME.
I LIKE YOUR NAME TOO. ESPERANZA.
MY FRIENDS CALL ME ESPY.
DOES THAT MEAN I SHOULD CALL YOU ESPY?
ONLY IF YOU'RE MY FRIEND.
AREN'T I SOMETHING MORE?
YES, VICTOR. YOU ARE.
NOW DON'T THAT JUST MAKE YOUR TEETH ACHE!
OH MY GOD! WHAT IS THAT THING?!

ME? I'M THE THING THAT GOES BUMP IN THE NIGHT, SWEET CHEEKS!
AAAAAAAH!

WHOOSH
WHAT DID YOU LEARN, BLACKSPELL?
HE'S COMMUNICATING WITH THE GIRL, FATHER.
THAT'S TROUBLING, BUT NOT WHOLLY UNEXPECTED.
THE TENTH CREATION IS VITAL TO MY PLAN. BUT THE GIRL IS THE KEY. I SUPPOSE A BOND OF SORTS WAS INEVITABLE.
I WAS EXPECTING SOMETHING...A BIT MORE IMPRESSIVE.
BE PATIENT, BAHAREH, AND YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED.
ESPY... HELP ME.

HIS NAME WAS...?
VICTOR.
I KNOW IT SOUNDS NUTTY, JAENA, BUT I THINK HE MIGHT BE REAL.
SHE'S HOPING HE'S REAL, 'CAUSE HE'S TOTALLY HOT.
AND HE'S IN TROUBLE. HE WANTS ME TO HELP HIM.
I WOULDN'T GET TOO UPSET ABOUT A DREAM, ESPY.
BUT I DREAM ABOUT HIM EVERY NIGHT. AND LAST NIGHT...THERE WAS A MONSTER. IT SEEMED REAL TOO.
YOU KNOW WHAT? I'LL BET WE COULD ALL USE A LITTLE VACATION.
HELL YEAH, WE COULD.
YOU MEAN IT?
ABSOLUTELY.
WHEN?
I'M...NOT SURE.
BUT I WANT YOU TO PACK RIGHT AWAY. WE MAY HAVE TO LEAVE TOWN AT THE LAST MINUTE. MAYBE EVEN TONIGHT.
BUT... WHERE ARE WE GOING, JAENA?
WE'LL DECIDE ONCE WE'RE GONE. IT'LL BE A FUN ADVENTURE.
AT THE TIME, ZORINA AND I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT JAENA'S SECRET JOB.
WE DIDN'T KNOW A LOT OF THINGS.
BUT WE WERE ABOUT TO FIND OUT PLENTY.

DR. FINE, THIS COURSE OF ACTION IS NOT ONLY RECKLESS AND DANGEROUS, IT COULD JEOPARDIZE OUR ENTIRE UNDERCOVER OPERATION.
OUR OPERATION WAS JEOPARDIZED THE MOMENT VICTOR DE LEON WAS CAPTURED BY DARKK. NOW ONE OF MY GIRLS IS IN JEOPARDY. IF THE AGENCY WON'T TAKE ACTION, THEN I'LL HAVE TO.
KLAK
DR. FINE? DR. FINE!
BREEEP

MR. DE LEON, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
WHO...
I'M DR. JAENA FINE. I'M A GENETIC SCIENTIST RECRUITED BY THE AGENCY.
YOU'RE... THE MOLE?
THAT'S RIGHT. I'VE BEEN WORKING HERE AT DARKKLON, GATHERING INFORMATION.
AND NOW I'VE COME TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE.
WHERE'S YOUR BACK-UP?
I'M AFRAID I'M ALL BY MY LONESOME. THE AGENCY IS PLANNING A RESCUE MISSION, BUT I COULDN'T WAIT FOR THAT.
YOU'VE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ONE OF MY GIRLS. SHE'S SPECIAL, YOU SEE. SHE HAS POWERS...
ESPY?
THAT'S RIGHT, VICTOR. ESPY. I CAN'T ALLOW HER TO BE PULLED INTO THIS BUSINESS. SO WE'VE ALL GOT TO LEAVE SPRINGDALE RIGHT AWAY.

BY DISCONNECTING VICTOR'S BLOOD SUPPLY, JAENA HAD UNKNOWINGLY CUT OFF THE CONTROL ELEMENT...
I...FEEL... STRANGE...
THE THING KEEPING THE MONSTER INSIDE HIM AT BAY.
I'M SURE YOU DO, VICTOR. GOD KNOWS WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO YOU.
WE'LL HAVE TO GET YOU TO THE AGENCY'S MEDICAL FACILITY FOR TREATMENT...
...AND OBSERVATION...
OH MY GOD...
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

JAENA CAME TO FREE VICTOR..
BUT INSTEAD SHE UNLEASHED...
GRRRAAAARRR!

GRRRAARRRG!
MAJOR DISTURBANCE AT THE LEVEL 10 CONTAINMENT LAB! ALL TEAMS CONVERGE!
REPEAT, ALL TEAMS CONVERGE!
ZORINA, I NEED YOU AND ESPY TO LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY...
I WANT YOU BOTH TO LEAVE TOWN RIGHT AWAY. HEAD FOR DENVER. I'LL MEET UP WITH YOU AS SOON AS I CAN.
JAENA, WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WE'RE NOT LEAVING WITHOUT YOU, MOM.
ZORINA, PLEASE, JUST DO WHAT I SAY. YOU AND ESPY... TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER
I LOVE YOU BOTH VERY MUCH.
SHE'S IN TROUBLE, ZORINA. I CAN FEEL IT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PSYCHIC TO KNOW THAT.
I THINK SHE'LL BE MAD THAT WE'RE NOT DOING WHAT SHE SAID?
I THINK SHE OUGHTA BE PRETTY USED TO THAT BY NOW.
WE'VE REACHED THE CONTAINMENT LAB. LOOKS LIKE A BOMB WENT OFF.
ANY SIGN OF THE TEST SUBJECT?
NEGATIVE...
WAIT. THERE'S SOMETHING MOVING IN THE SHADOWS. SOMETHING...
BIG!

THE CREATURE THAT VICTOR HAD BECOME WAS DRAWN TO BLOOD. THIRSTED FOR IT.
IT WAS HIS LIFELINE. THE THING THAT KEPT HIM HUMAN.
THE THING KEEPING THE MONSTER INSIDE HIM AT BAY. TEMPORARILY.
JAENA HAD ONE HOPE. TO ESCAPE THE FACILITY AND GET FAR AWAY FROM SPRINGDALE BEFORE DARKK DISCOVERED THAT SHE HAD RELEASED HIS LATEST CREATION.
BUT THAT HOPE MET A SUDDEN DEATH.
THE SAME COULDN'T BE SAID FOR JAENA.
SSSSSSSSS
HERS WOULD BE A SLOW AND PAINFUL DEATH AT THE HANDS OF A LIVING NIGHTMARE.
SOMEONE WOULD LIKE A WORD WITH YOU, DOC.

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW DISAPPOINTED I AM IN YOU, DR. FINE. I THOUGHT YOU WERE A REPUTABLE SCIENTIST... NOT A FILTHY SPY AND SABOTEUR.
NUMBER TEN HAS ESCAPED THE FACILITY, FATHER. DO YOU WISH ME TO GO AFTER HIM?
NO, BLACKSPELL. YOU'RE GOING TO BE QUITE BUSY ENTERTAINING DR. FINE.
IT SEEMS THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO SERVE YOUR FATHER, KILLKROW.
KILLKROW! BLOOD HUNT!
SEE THROUGH YOUR EYES! FIND... TEN!
ZORINA, LOOK OUT!

JEEZE, MISTER, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
IT'S...
YOU!
OH MY GOD!
CAAW!
CAAW!
STOP IT! GET AWAY FROM HIM! GET AWAY!
CAAW! CAAW!
GET AWAY!
YA-VAAASH

LOOKING BACK, I CAN PRETTY MUCH DIVIDE MY LIFE SO FAR INTO TWO PARTS. WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE VICTOR CAME INTO IT...
...AND THEN EVERYTHING ELSE THAT FOLLOWED.
THERE'S WHAT'S WRITTEN IN HISTORY BOOKS, AND THEN THERE'S REAL HISTORY. THEY SHARE ONE THING IN COMMON.
BOTH ARE FULL OF DEAD PEOPLE.
WE NEVER DID SAVE JAENA FROM DARKK'S FORCES. ZORINA AND I LATER LEARNED THAT JAENA, LIKE VICTOR, WAS A SOLDIER FIGHTING A SECRET WAR. AND IN EVERY WAR, THERE ARE CASUALTIES.
AND FALLEN HEROES.
THE SECRET WAR WOULD CONTINUE AGAINST RHAZES DARKK, WHO THREATENED THE EXISTENCE OF THE HUMAN RACE WITH HIS PLANS TO TRANSFORM THIS WORLD INTO DARKK EARTH.
FUSION
VICTOR, ZORINA, AND I TOOK THE FIGHT TO DARKK. IN CREATING THE TENTH, DARKK HAD CREATED A POWERFUL ADVERSARY.

DARKK NEEDED US BOTH TO ENGAGE HIS GENETIC BOMB. BUT INSTEAD, A DIFFERENT KIND OF DETONATION TOOK PLACE.
ONE THAT WIPED OUT DARKK'S FACILITY AND THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE. YOU MIGHT HAVE READ ABOUT IT. IT WAS IN ALL THE PAPERS. THEY SAID IT WAS AN ACT OF TERRORISM.
BUT THAT EXPLOSION BOUGHT THE HUMAN RACE A LITTLE MORE TIME.
LIKE MOST TYRANTS, RHAZES DARKK SURVIVED THE BATTLE.
AND THE SECRET WAR CONTINUES.
SO DOES LIFE.
WHETHER YOU'RE ALONE, OR SURROUNDED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS, YOU MAKE YOUR OWN WAY THROUGH LIFE...
AND HISTORY IS WHAT YOU LEAVE BEHIND.
THE END